

HONORING WILBUR FAISS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, recent weeks, one of Nevada's leading families, the Faiss Family, has marked important milestones. The patriarch, Wilbur Faiss, observed his 90th birthday and the matriarch, Theresa Faiss, observed her 86th birthday. In doing so, they and their children and grandchildren could reflect on 57 years of contributions to the growth and success of Nevada.

Wilbur and Theresa Faiss and their three sons, Bob, Don, and Ron, arrived in North Las Vegas, NV, in 1944. North Las Vegas then was an unincorporated city. Wilbur opened a small business and devoted a great deal of his time to his community, including service as a volunteer firefighter.

Wilbur became one of the first workers at the Nevada Test Site in the 1950s. He later retired from work as a member of the Teamsters Union on the Las Vegas Strip.

Upon retirement at the age of 65, when many of us might think of slowing down a bit, Wilbur answered the call of his constituents to become a Democratic candidate for the Nevada State Senate. He won that first effort for public office by one of the highest margins in the State.

Wilbur served two distinguished terms in the Nevada Senate, giving priority to the areas of working men and women, senior citizens, education, civil rights, and protection of the environments.

Theresa's achievements were recognized in 1996, when she was selected as Clark County's Pioneer Mother of the Year. Of Theresa it was written that she "has not won any public honors or held any office, but she held her family together through adversity and provided her sons a model of caring, support, hard work, sacrifice, commitment, integrity and compassion."

Their sons have followed the example of their parents.

Bob Faiss is a senior member of Nevada's largest law firm, Lionel Sawyer & Collins. Prior to joining his firm, Bob served as Executive Assistant to Governor Grant Sawyer of Nevada and staff assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson in the White House. The National Law Journal in 1997 named him one of "The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America."

Don Faiss recently retired as an executive of Bally's Resort in Las Vegas, formerly the MGM Grand Hotel. Among his public contributions was service as a member of the Clark County School Board.

Ron Faiss recently retired as General Manager of the Horseshoe Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, after 30 years of involvement in the spectacular growth of the Nevada gaming industry.

The Faiss grandchildren are also making their ways as responsible and productive citizens, as follows: Mitch

Faiss is the co-founder of a leading electrical contracting company in Gardnerville, NV; Michael Faiss, after many years as manager for a chain of restaurants, has joined his brother Mitch in the electrical contracting business; Philip Faiss is a member of the staff of a major museum in Southern California; Marceline Faiss Ayres is an educator in Northampton, MA; and Justin Chambers is a member of the news staff of KTNV—Channel 13 in Las Vegas.

Wilbur and Theresa Faiss are in good health and continue to be active. It is fitting to wish them happy birthdays and a happy, rewarding and secure future.

Mr. President, Nevada is a much better place because of the Faiss family.

RETIREMENT OF JOAN DOUGLAS

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Joan Douglas who will celebrate here retirement later this month after many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Ohio and the United States of America.

For the past 12 years, Joan has been an integral part of my team, from my earliest days on the campaign trail when I was running for Governor of Ohio, to my current service in the U.S. Senate. Not only has Joan been a valued employee, she has been a friend to me and my wife, Janet.

One of the things that I admire about Joan is her passion for public service, for it is something that both of us share. Just like I once did, Joan served in the Ohio Legislature, and she has also given back to her community at the local level, serving 8 years on the Mansfield, OH, City Council and by also serving on the Mansfield Elections Board.

Given her interest in helping her fellow Ohioans, I was extremely pleased that Joan joined my campaign for Governor in 1990 and that she stayed through both my terms. Joan was the first impression that people had of the Governor's office whether in-person or on the phone, and I believe that her professionalism and compassion made thousands of great first impressions on visitors and callers alike.

Joan has always had a wonderful way to make anyone who deals with her feel immediately at ease, whether it was frustrated constituents, harried staff or individuals with special needs. She has also always been cool under pressure, witnessing numerous demonstrations and protests and dealing with more than her fair share of troublesome individuals. And Joan always let me know what "the pulse of the people" was by keeping track of the calls we received and letting me know what our constituents were saying.

Not only did Joan smooth over the problems of countless Ohioans, she also

shared her talents with fellow staff members, serving as "den mother" to many of the younger staff members in my office. Whether it was a shoulder to cry on, or motherly advice, I know that many people cherished her guidance, her comfort and her companionship.

When I was elected Senator, I was genuinely pleased that Joan continued to serve the people of Ohio when she stayed on to work for me. A whole new generation of staff and thousands more Ohioans had a chance to get to know her and experience her warmth and charm.

My wife, Janet and I appreciate all that Joan has done for us and the people of Ohio and the fellowship that she has shared with so many. We will always treasure Joan's friendship, and we wish her many years of a happy and healthy retirement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

Tribute to Chick Matthews

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a true American hero from my home State—Mr. Chick Matthews of Greenbrier, AR.

Mr. Matthews was born on August 19, 1901, in a one-room house in Bailey Town, AR. Growing up in the most modest of circumstances, Mr. Matthews went on to a distinguished career of service to his country, serving in four wars in the twentieth century. Mr. Matthews served honorably in World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, either in the uniforms of the Army, the Navy, or the Merchant Marine. It is a service record that he can be proud of, and we are proud of him for it.

In 1931, Mr. Matthews married Icie Lee, who served as a postal worker in Greenbrier and a postmistress in Wooster, AR. Icie Matthews passed away in 1999 after 68 years of marriage to Chick. She is deeply missed.

Chick Matthews retired from the Merchant Marine in 1970, but since then he has stayed extremely busy. He has been around the world more than a dozen times. According to his count, Mr. Matthews has visited over 100 countries. This past summer, just before his one hundredth birthday, he traveled with his son James on a trip that took him to 18 foreign countries.

Today, Mr. Matthews leads an equally energetic lifestyle at home, tending to a one-acre garden and visiting frequently with his neighbors and friends at the Greenbrier Senior Citizen Center, where he regales his companions with tales of his adventures. We should all hope to maintain such a full and active schedule in our senior years.

Through his service to his country, his love of family and community, his commitment to making the most of his life, Chick Matthews represents the